

Sir

Head of Elk May 7<sup>th</sup> 1780

I do myself the Honor of addressing  
 your Excellency, by the hands of Capt.  
 Dorsey on a subject that both him,  
 & myself are much interested in,  
 as we are on our March to the  
 Southern Army, in an uniform that,  
 from which it will be impossible  
 to reclaim our respective parties,  
 untill Congress have an Official  
 report of what the Legislature  
 of Maryland have done, with  
 respect to the Artillery she has  
 in the Continental Service, in  
 consequence of a proposition made  
 them by His Excellency Genl.  
 Washington — the matter of this  
 proposition was, that the three  
 Companies, hitherto in the Field,  
 should



Should be formed into four, and  
annexed to the first Regiment. We  
have understood the proposition  
met with your Excellencies appro-  
bation, & that the Assembly would  
certainly adopt it. The Corps  
of Artillery has lately been arranged  
& in all parts completely regula-  
ted, except as to the relationships  
~~of the~~ between those Companies &  
the first Regiment, which for  
want of the official return to  
Congress of the State of Maryland,  
could not be done. Now the  
first Regiment is marching to  
the southward under my Command,  
& those Companies (except Browns)  
are marching with it under the  
idea of being a part thereof,  
But yet wanting such a systematic  
connection



connection, as is requisite for the  
happiness of the parties, & good  
of the service — When I marched  
from Head Quarters, it was ex-  
pected that, by the time I should  
get to Philadelphia, Congress  
would have received the report,  
so as to have completed our  
arrangement before we proceed-  
ed to the southward, but this  
was not the case, & we are  
obliged to proceed without ~~such~~  
being so happily circumstanced.

— Capt. Dancy A. secretly on  
the occasion, has induced him  
to write to your Excellency  
to see if he cannot expedite the  
forwarding the report to Congress  
so as that we may have  
our present inconvenience  
removed as early as possible,  
— I have taken the liberty



to trouble your Excellency with  
a few lines on the subject, which  
although, I cannot pretend to send  
officially, yet I rely on your  
Excellency's goodness to excuse,  
as they are only meant to show  
the inconvenience the Regiment &  
Horse Companies by order for  
want of an arrangement,  
which cannot take place until  
this report goes to Congress.

I remain the Senior to  
Yr. Excellency's M<sup>ts</sup>.

J. Farrington  
L<sup>t</sup>. Col. Comd. 1. Regt.

His Excellency Governor Lee

7 May 1790.  
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